

# Agencies Urge Appointment of Member to State Welfare Board

## Women Convicted, Hunt Starts for 'Divorce Mill'

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# 'Guilty' Tennis Players to Try Again

## Group Has No Voice on Body

Two Vacancies Have Existed for Months  
**LANE MUST ACT**  
Move Fits Into Full Representation Plan

With the belief that all State administrative boards should have a representative from the State's 17% colored population, local civic organizations are campaigning for a representative on the board of the State Department of Public Welfare.

This is the department which has administrative authority over the Cheltenham Training School for Boys, the Glen Burnie School for Girls and is in charge of State funds for Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind and Child Welfare.

There are two vacancies on the nine-member board pending appointments by Gov. W. Preston Lane.

They were caused by the deaths of the chairman, W. Wallace Lanahan, who died in 1947, and Ernest O. Whately, who would have served until 1949.

Members now serving are Lee L. Dopkin, William L. Galvin, James M. Hebron, Sidney Hollander, Dr. Frank C. Marino, Thomas W. Farnham and Ernest O. Whately.

For the past several months, the board has been meeting monthly and carrying on its administrative

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## Institutions Get \$18,000 of Caterer's Estate



Checks of \$9,175 each were presented to officials of Provident Hospital and St. James PE Church on Wednesday, as provided in the will of Mrs. Bessie Simms, caterer, who died in September, 1947. Executors of the estate who made presentation were W. A. C. Hughes Jr., attorney, and Howard H. Murphy. Shown, left to right, as the gift was presented to Provident Hospital officials are John Procopce, hospital superintendent; Mr. Hughes, W. Emerson Brown, treasurer of the hospital board; T. Wallis Lansey, board president, and Mr. Murphy.

## Trial in 3-Death Crash Postponed

Driver Who Hit 7 Cars Faces Manslaughter Rap

John T. Payne, Tappahannock, Va., truck driver, facing three manslaughter counts as the result of an automobile accident on Pulaski Highway, Aug. 23, is scheduled for trial in Towson Circuit Court, Nov. 12.

Payne was scheduled for trial last week, but the case was postponed because his lawyer was ill.

Eight vehicles damaged in the 22-year-old Virginia is accused of operating the lumber-laden trailer-truck that ran wild nine miles north of Baltimore, sideswiping six cars and overturning on the seventh.

A white man and two-colored women were killed and nearly a dozen motorists injured in the pre-dawn crash, which police described as the worst to occur in Maryland in recent years.

Payne's case will be heard before Judge J. Howard Murray.

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## Camper's Defeat Blamed on Trickery

Democrats Win in All City Wards

Vote Almost Nips Dewey State Lead  
By PEYTON GRAY

The defeat of Dr. J. E. T. (Fighting John) Camper in his bid for election to the United States Congress from the Fourth District, Tuesday, was blamed on political trickery by the quaking-in-their-boots diplomats of the other two rival major parties.

These charges were lodged as early as Tuesday morning, while voters were still marching to the polls in the Fourth District, and continued to be received after the voting precincts had been closed that evening.

Although Marylanders throughout the State contributed their bit towards saving Gov. Thomas E. Dewey the State's electoral votes, Baltimoreans gave their all for President Truman and his Democratic Congressmen; and they voted favorably on the bulk of the 22 constitutional amendments and laws.

Dewey State Margin Narrow

Because of his strength in the counties, Dewey took the State over President Truman by a narrow 8,095 margin in the 293,929 to 285,834 vote.

Wallace polled 9,392 votes, which might have gone to give the State's electors to Truman; and the State's Rights candidate, Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, garnered 2,483 tallies, which

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## Widow, Parents to Be Put Out of Home by Landlord

Court Sanctions Act to Allow Owner to House His 7 'Illegitimate' Children

Mrs. Hazel Moss, a widow who supports her elderly mother and father, has been given 60 days in which to vacate the apartment she and her parents occupy at 1610 Harlem Ave. in order to make room for the landlord's seven illegitimate children.

The deadline was set by Peoples Court Judge Allan W. Rynhart, following a lengthy hearing on Thursday afternoon.

The landlord, William M. Dunham, who owns a transfer company in the 1900 block of Pennsylvania Ave., told the court that he and his wife, Mrs. Viola Dunham, now occupy the first and second floors of the Harlem Ave. house.

He said they need the third floor, since they are planning on taking in the seven children he sired during an eight-year illicit romance.

Wife Knows Tot's Status

Natally attired in a tan gabardine suit, bow tie, striped shirt and beige colored sport vest, Dunham was visibly nervous as he told of his relationship with the children's mother whom he identified as Miss Hilda Brown of 703 G St.

Dunham said his wife knew that he was father of the children, but lived in hope that he would mend his errant ways. He testified that he "had been trying to break up

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## Colored Voters Put Harry In

Dawson Points to Big Lead in Five States

CHICAGO.—The overwhelming total piled up by colored voters in five crucial States was a heavy contributing factor to President Truman's victory, believes Cong. William E. Dawson (Dem., Ill.), who managed the Democratic campaign among minority voters.

Rep. Dawson in an exclusive statement to the AFRO late Wednesday, pointed to the fact that colored people in Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Indiana and California gave more than 80 per cent of their votes to the Democratic standard-bearer.

"I believe," he said, "that no one can question the fact that colored voters are responsible for Mr. Truman seizing the lead in these traditional Republican strongholds."

"Their vote was a clear indication of their deep appreciation for his civil rights program and the courage and steadfastness with which he has supported it."

Furning to the new Democratic-controlled 81st Congress, scheduled to convene Jan. 20, Mr. Dawson predicted that the civil rights program will get prompt attention. He expressed the belief that here would emerge a new coalition of liberal Democratic and Republican congressmen as contrasted to the old gang of conservative Republicans.

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## Cupid's Corner

Ten non-resident couples, including a service man at Camp Kilmer N.J., were among the 35 receiving marriage licenses here this week.

The GI and his prospective bride were Pvt. Jesse C. Brown, 23, a native of New York, and Miss Brown, 21, an employee of Camp Kilmer, N.J., who were married here on Wednesday.

10 Visitors to Wed Here

Other out-of-town couples were Gilbert Brown, 70, of Dover, Bressler, Pa., and Mrs. Ruth C. Conyer, 64, of Steelton, Pa.; Robert L. Johnson, 22, Elliott City, Md., and Miss Annetta Gray, 28

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## COMING EVENTS

Friday, Nov. 5  
Meeting of the committee on Equal Educational Opportunities at the Urban League, 8 p.m.  
Harvest Carnival at Douglas High School, 8 p.m. Also on Saturday.

Sunday, Nov. 7  
Beginning of American Education Week.

Educational Forum sponsored by Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority at the YMCA, 3:30 p.m.  
Men's Day Rally at Metropolitan Methodist Church 11 a.m., Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, guest speaker; 3 p.m., Dr. Oliver Collins; 8 p.m., Wilfred D. Holmes.

The Rev. Howard L. Cornish, director of the Morgan Christian Center, will speak and administer the Communion at the chapel services at the college, Sunday morning at 10:30. Mrs. Miriam Jeffres

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## Registration in Forrest Park Evening Center Open

The Forrest Park Evening Center has announced that registration will be open the entire month of November for all residents of Baltimore, who are interested in their courses.

Although classes have begun, efforts will be made to find room for any new applicants.

The wide variety of courses offered include photography, beginning Spanish and dressmaking on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Wednesdays, at the same periods, there are classes in understanding art, advanced public

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speaking, advanced Spanish, engineering music, office machines and dressmaking.

Course Schedule Given

The following courses are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays:

Everyday English: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; beginning typewriting: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; advanced typewriting: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; beginning stenography: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and advanced stenography: 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Courses beginning in November (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

## 'Divorce Mill' Active Here?

New Yorker's Perjury Trial Spurs Probe

**BAR INVESTIGATING**  
Women Say Lawyers Urged Residence Lie

Conviction of a New York mother and her daughter on perjury charges, Thursday, launched the investigation by the Baltimore Bar Association into the possibility of a divorce racket being operated in Baltimore by local attorneys.

The mother, Mrs. Mary Knight, 53, who was given a suspended sentence, testified that two members of a law firm here told her she had to say her daughter, Mrs. Martha Kearny, was a resident of Baltimore in order for the younger woman to obtain a divorce here in August.

Daughter Given Year

Mrs. Kearny, who was sentenced to one year in women's prison, was seeking a divorce on Aug. 5, from her husband, Samuel, on grounds of desertion, when it was learned that she did not live at 303 Wolfe St. in Baltimore as she and her mother testified before an examiner.

Adultery constitutes the only grounds for divorce in New York. Both women were in tears, Thursday, in the court of Judge Emory Niles, who indicated that he would consider probation for Mrs. Kearny after three months.

Bar to Probe Charges

Meanwhile, the criminal court session was attended by officials of the Baltimore Bar Association, including Enos Stockbridge, president, who indicated that an investigation will be made into the women's contention that two lawyers advised them to testify falsely about Mrs. Kearny's address and the Army status and address of her husband.

These lawyers were identified as Hyman P. Tattelbaum and George Sempeles, both white. Mrs. Knight said she told them she could not lie about her daughter's residence, and reported that Sempeles told her that if she did not, her daughter would lose her divorce and her money.

Mrs. Knight said that she wrote down the address and other information she was to give the examiner and read from it when she testified in the divorce case.

Both Admit False Testimony

Asked if she knew she was not telling the truth before the examiner, Mrs. Knight answered, "Sure I knew it wasn't, but I had to do it to get the lawyers."

Both women gave statements to the same effect to J. Harold Grady and Charles Orth, prosecutors.

The testimony before the examiner was that Mrs. Kearny came to Baltimore from Englewood, N.J., on Jan. 15, 1946, and that she lived

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## Gas Casualty

Physician Finds Body in Reeking Kitchen

**Gas Kills Wife of Dr. C. A. Riley**

PHILADELPHIA  
Slumped in a chair propped against a cabinet-bar near the range, Mrs. Mae V. Riley, 36, was found dead in a gas-filled kitchen at her home at 302 N. 41st St. Tuesday morning, by her husband, Dr. Cyril A. Riley, a physician.

The tragedy was discovered at 9:30 a.m., after Dr. Riley's nurse, Miss Theresa M. Snowden, smelled gas as she passed the kitchen, and called the physician, who was in his office on the first floor.

It was reported that the couple was estranged and Dr. Riley was living in the 400 block of North 50th St. His nurse said, however, that the physician was living at the 41st St. address.

Husband Summons Aid

When Dr. Riley and the nurse entered the kitchen, Mrs. Riley was seated in a chair, her head lying on the bar. Gas poured from the unlit oven burners.

The physician summoned Dr. Nathaniel O. Wallace, 23 N. 58th St., who examined Mrs. Riley and

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## 7 Convicted on Riot Count

Park Rule Violation Charges Not Pushed

**CASE APPEAL SET**  
'Unenforceable' Edict on Play to Be Tested

Despite conviction of seven of their group on riot and conspiracy charges, Thursday, the Young Progressives of Maryland are convinced that the Park Board policy against mixed athletics is not enforceable.

This belief was caused, Thursday, by the State's failure to prosecute the "park rule violation" charges which stemmed from the interracial tennis matches staged in Druid Hill Park on July 11.

I. Duke Avnet, chief attorney for the 22 persons arrested in the case, said that the "mole prose" entered in these charges by the State is "an admission that the Park Board policy is not enforceable and we are at least heartened by that fact."

To Hold Another Match

The Young Progressives indicated that they will soon play another interracial tennis match in the park, and an official of the Progressive Party said members will soon engage in other interracial sports.

Meanwhile, the seven persons convicted in the riot and conspiracy indictment were not sentenced by Judge Masons pending a new trial motion to be filed by the attorneys for the defense, who in

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## Doctor Cleared in Crash Death

Relatives May Institute Civil Suit for Damages

GALESVILLE, Md.—Dr. George L. (Sparky) Adams, local physician and owner of Adams Hospital, was cleared of manslaughter and reckless driving charges here last Friday in the automobile accident that resulted in the death of a Washington girl Government employe.

The girl, accompanying Dr. Adams, who was fatally injured in the crash, was Miss Blanche H. Lindsay, 23, a resident of Slowe

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## Citizens' Committee Backs Kiah for Cheltenham Post

Board of Managers State Their Position on Issue; New Requirements for Post Listed

A citizens' committee interested in the appointment of Calvin L. Kiah as superintendent of the Cheltenham Training School for Boys, was heard at the meeting of the board of managers at the school on Thursday.

The committee, which had also visited Walter D. Owens, State Employment Commissioner, who has ruled out Mr. Kiah's temporary appointment as head of the institution, included the Rev. E. L. Lofton, the Rev. H. O. Graham, Mrs. Martha B. Pulley and John W. Woodhouse.

Appointment Held Up

At its last meeting on Oct. 7, the board unanimously reappointed Mr. Kiah for a six-month probationary period. This action was subsequently held up by Mr. Owens who said the board acted prematurely and that it would be necessary for Mr. Kiah to take a State examination to get the job, even on a temporary basis.

Mr. Kiah had been released from the position in February by the former board of managers after serving a probationary term.

Maintaining that the board acted in good faith and fully within its authority, Dr. James A. White, who made the motion for Mr. Kiah's reappointment, read a statement at the meeting declaring that a large segment of the public felt that Mr. Kiah had not been given a free and unhampered chance to demonstrate his ability and qualifications and that the board thought a vacancy at the head of any institution should be filled immediately.

Pat Name Back

The statement said in part: "The board based its decision and action on a statement by Mr. Owens that he had placed Mr. Kiah's name back on the eligible list because he did not agree that Mr. Kiah should have been dismissed inasmuch as reasons given

for the dismissal did not include any charges of moral turpitude. "At the same time, Hall Hammond, Attorney-General, was quoted as saying that Mr. Kiah still holds his veteran's preference status."

"In the absence of any subsequent correction or denial, the board felt secure in accepting the then opinions of both Mr. Owens and Mr. Hammond in good faith as additional sound basis for appointing Mr. Kiah."

Qualifications Probed

A committee of Mrs. Violet H. Whyte and Mrs. Bertha Proctor had been assigned to determine.

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## Mrs. Banks Found With Throat Cut

Mrs. Eurth Iradell Banks, 66, of 1908 Madison Ave., listed as an attempted suicide was found in the breakfast room of her home this morning (Friday) with her throat cut by a razor.

Northwestern district police report that the discovery was made by a sister, Mrs. Anna Bond, who pointed out that Mrs. Banks appeared concerned about her lingering illness and loss of her eyesight.

Mrs. Banks is reported in a fair condition at Provident Hospital.

## The Weather

The weather man has predicted ideal temperatures for Saturday when the Morgan Bears tangle with the Big Blues from Bluefield, W. Va., in the Hughes football stadium.

In fact, fine weather has been scheduled for Sunday, too. The temperature is expected to average near the seasonal normal for the period.

